

THE OCALA EVENING STAR

WEATHER FORECAST

Partly cloudy in northwest and probably local thunder showers in peninsula tonight and Sunday.

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MEXICANS SEND AN INSOLENT MESSAGE

Pershing's Men, They Say, Move at their Peril

CARRANZA'S OFFICERS SEEM DETERMINED TO INVOLVE THEIR COUNTRY IN A CONFLICT

(Associated Press)

Washington, June 17.—Gen. Funston has advised the war department that Colonel Bell at El Paso reported to him that General Pershing has been warned by Gen. Trevino, Carranza commander at Chihuahua City, that any movement of the American expedition south, east or west would be the signal for an attack by Mexican forces.

HANNA CAME OVER HOME

Laredo, Texas, June 17.—Phillip C. Hanna, United States consul general at Monterey, one of the two remaining consuls in Mexico, is here. Half a dozen Americans came with Mr. Hanna.

CALLED OUT THE CONSULS

San Antonio, June 17.—It is learned here that Phillip C. Hanna and J. P. Silliman, United States consul at Saitillo, were ordered to the American side by the state department.

OFFICIALS NOT INFORMED

Washington, June 17.—Mexican embassy officials said they were not informed of any message Trevino had sent. They declared examination of what purported to be the text of the warning published this morning was sufficient proof that it either was badly garbled in translation or a fabrication. They didn't doubt, however, some warning had been sent.

BIG FORCE ON THE BORDER

Practically all available United States troops are on the border or in Mexico. The militia of three states are in service. The guardsmen of other states were notified weeks ago to be ready, if called upon.

ANOTHER BORDER ALARM

Laredo, June 17.—Texas rangers and armed citizens were rushed to Isitas, twenty miles up the river today on a report that Mexican bandits had been seen approaching. There are few details. A body of Carranza troops is in that vicinity.

ALMOST AN ULTIMATUM

San Antonio, June 17.—The attitude of Carranza troops is attracting the greatest interest of Funston and his staff. Bandit activities, however, are given careful attention. Army officers regard Trevino's warning to Pershing as little less than a declaration of hostilities since it may be necessary to send detachments to pursue bandits menacing outposts at any time.

TROOPS WILL MOVE ON HOT TRAILS

Despite General Ricau's warning that any American troops crossing the border will be attacked, soldiers will cross if on a "hot trail."

AMERICANS ARE READY

Funston's army is so disposed that swift punitive action could be taken if invited by an overt act of Carranza's army. Funston has nearly fifty thousand men.

BROKE UP A BAND

Brownsville, June 17.—United States troops late last night engaged a band of between fifteen and thirty Mexican bandits about ten miles east of San Benito, Texas, and after exchanging a few shots the Mexicans

were scattered. It is reported that three Mexicans were killed. So far as known there were no American casualties. Two companies of the twenty-sixth Infantry were immediately rushed from Harlingen, Texas, to Olmito, ten miles north of Brownsville, in an effort to cut off the bandits who were reported at midnight headed for the Rio Grande.

MEXICAN POLICY UNCHANGED

Washington, June 17.—The warning from Mexican commanders that movements of American troops, except in retirement toward the border, will precipitate hostilities, won't change the purpose of the United States to keep the expedition under General Pershing in Mexico, or prevent the American commander maintaining the safety of his column and dealing with bandits. No further southern advance is contemplated. Direct word from Gen. Pershing is awaited.

Colonel Bell told General Funston over the telephone of the warning given by Trevino, the Mexican commander. It is thought he obtained this information from high Mexican officials. Diplomatic officials here are inclined to believe the warning was for home consumption and not a prelude to hostilities.

Secretary Lansing, in a statement given to the press this afternoon, said the situation was unchanged. The reply to Carranza's note is withheld pending possible additions covering the San Ignacio raid and Trevino's reported ultimatum.

WHERE ARE THE NINETY AND NINE?

Reading the Star's article, the other day, about street Arabs, swimming pools, etc., Dr. McClane, always a friend of the boys, was deeply impressed. He says that he will be one of a hundred men to contribute \$10 each to build a swimming pool.

A thousand dollars would build a good pool, which would be a great aid to the cleanliness and comfort of hundreds. The one man who went not astray is found; how shall we round up the ninety and nine?

An earnest young clergyman and some others who read the article are interesting themselves in the subject. We hope their work will grow and bear fruit.

DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

The Nash ordinances to require the railroads to place gates at every crossing in the city will be reported back to council unapproved by the judiciary committee. The committee discussed the measures again last night and the consensus of opinion was that the requirements were entirely too drastic. What steps shall be taken with regard to grade crossings has not been determined. Chairman Meffert of the judiciary committee thinks that gates should be placed at some of the crossings, and Councilmen Gerig and McIver, the other members of the committee, are opposed to gates. The committee is making progress on the plumbing ordinance.

Glass dishes for block butter at The Book Shop. 3t

COMMISSIONER CARN'S TIMELY SUGGESTION

WANTS A MASS MEETING TO ASCERTAIN SENTIMENT OF PEOPLE TOWARD BONDING FOR ROADS

A mass meeting for the purpose of sounding further the sentiment of the county with regard to the proposed bond issue for permanent roads has been suggested by W. D. Carn, chairman of the county commissioners. The suggestion was made by Mr. Carn yesterday afternoon at the meeting of the county Dixie Highway council, when he was questioned about the issue. Mr. Carn favors bonding, and believes that the county favors bonding, but before any action is taken by the commissioners he thinks that the attitude of the people should be definitely understood. He will during the next few days consult with some of the leading citizens of the county with a view to determining the best method of getting at the sentiment.

Mr. Carn told the members of the Dixie Highway association that he had figured that the county, by using convict labor, and employing first class engineers, could make permanent with sand-asphalt every existing hard-surfaced road and in addition the road from Silver Springs to Orange Springs and Putnam county, providing a short route to Jacksonville, and the road from Sharp's ferry to Moss Bluff and Lake county, providing a route to the East Coast. This would provide every section of the county with a permanent road, giving every section the benefit of the bonds.

He points out that his suggestions are subject to any changes that the people of the county think should be made. With a \$600,000 bond issue, Mr. Carn figures that the Dixie Highway can be built 15 feet wide for its full length through the county, and the other roads nine feet wide, with a width of 15 feet for a mile out of Ocala and in the case of steep grades and sharp curves.

The chairman of the commissioners pointed out that at a recent meeting at Fort McCoy, with about 25 or 30 citizens present, a unanimous vote was cast in favor of bonds. Fort McCoy would get the benefit of the road from Silver Springs to the Putnam county line.

The following roads are suggested by Mr. Carn for permanent construction: Ocala and McIntosh road, Lowell and Flemington, Ocala to Citra, Silver Springs to Orange Springs and Putnam county, Sharp's ferry road to Moss Bluff and Lake county, Ocala to Lake Weir and Lake county, Bellevue to Summerfield and Sumter county, Ocala to Pedro and Dallas, Ocala to Dunnellon, Ocala to St. Johns church, Ocala to Blitchton and the Levy county line.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

The secretary of the Commercial Club will appreciate it if members will call at his office (the John Dozier Co.) and get their membership cards renewed, as all cards expire June 15.

Ask J. J. Gerig why that pile of sand is stacked up by the sidewalk in front of the stairway leading up to the Commercial Club.

FEW BUT FAITHFUL

Five Good Roads Workers Attended the Dixie Highway Council Meeting in Ocala Friday

Five men attended the meeting of the Marion county Dixie Highway council Friday afternoon in the Board of Trade room, and of these five three were members and one became a member. It was necessary to have the new member in order to make a quorum. It was the first annual meeting of the council, and all of the officers were re-elected with the exception of the vice-president. R. R. Carroll was chosen to fill that office.

The officers for 1916-17 will be: Louis H. Chazal, president; R. R. Carroll, vice president; David S. Welch, secretary; W. V. Wheeler, treasurer; J. J. Gerig, director. W. D. Carn, chairman of the county commissioners, became a member. Those present at the meeting were: J. J. Gerig, J. D. Rooney, who has a life membership, David S. Welch, W. D. Carn, W. A. Bennett and Louis H. Chazal. It had been hoped that the attendance would be large, and that the membership would be considerably increased. There are at present only seven members of the highway association in this county. It was decided that all of these members form a committee on membership to make a strenuous effort to obtain more backing for the Dixie Highway. A report on the condition of the two branches of the highway in this county will be made to the Central Florida Highway association next week, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the latter organization at its last meeting.

PENINSULA CLUB HAS PASSED

It Did Much Good Work During Its Brief but Pleasant Existence

Believing that better results would be obtained if those members having a desire to "boost" joined the Board of Trade, and those caring for the social side joined the Commercial Club, the Peninsula Club at a meeting at the Ocala House disbanded, with the understanding that its members would become members of either of the other two organizations.

W. T. Gary appeared before the club and extended an invitation to join the Commercial Club. Many members of the Peninsula Club are already members of the Commercial Club, and some are members of the Board of Trade. It is probable that many will join both bodies, to carry out the original idea of the Peninsula Club to combine the social and "boosting" features.

Since that article slandering Florida appeared in Collier's Weekly a few weeks ago, the sale of that publication in Ocala has increased about 80 per cent.

RUSSIAN CAVALRY ACROSS RIVER

A Week Ago They Were a Hundred Miles Away

DASHING FRENCH ATTACK BROKE THRU THE GERMAN LINES IN THE VOSGES

(Associated Press)

London, June 17.—The defeat of a Russian cavalry force south of the Dneister in Galicia by Austro-Hungarians and the starting of general fighting along the Volhynian front, was announced in an Austro-Hungarian headquarters statement yesterday, according to Berlin wireless.

TOOK A BUNCH OF TEUTONS

Along the Verdun front, in France, the Germans attacked at Avocourt with hand grenades last night, says a Paris official statement. In the Deadman's hill region the bombardment was intense.

In the Vosges, after violent bombardment from hill 425 to east of Thann, the French infantry penetrated first and second line trenches and brought back a number of German prisoners.

EDEN WENT UNDER

The British destroyer Eden has been sunk, according to a London dispatch. Thirty-one members of the crew were saved. Three officers are

STRIFE ON THE STYR

London, June 17.—Germans yesterday engaged the Russians in the Stokhod and Styr sections, says the German war office. Parts of the army of General Bothmer is fighting the Russians north of Przewloka.

GERMAN SHIPS SUNK

Copenhagen says that Swedish fishermen report two large German steamships torpedoed and sunk in the Baltic last night.

RUSSIANS UNCHECKED

The great drive of the Russian armies against the Austrians apparently is continuing with undiminished successes.

From the Pripet marshes southward to Czernowitz, General Brusiloff's forces are throwing back counter attacks and are advancing steadily, according to official Petrograd reports. In thirteen days the Russians have taken almost 170,000 prisoners and immense stores of war booty.

Battles southeast of Lutsk, between Kozin and Tarnovka and northwest of Buczaez have brought further victories to the Slav arms. In action on the Bluikevka river, southeast of Lutsk, more than 5,000 men were captured after the attacking Russians had forded the river. The fighting continues northwest of Buczaez, where the Germans are co-operating with the Austro-Hungarians but the Russians report the capture here thus far of 60,000 men.

No. 538, which pulls the Ocala-Wilcox daily special, is a little engine to a sawed-off train, but Engineer Estabrook and his fireman take as great interest in it as though it was hauling the Pinellas special and keep it one of the brightest and neatest on the line.

When you want the editorial department at the Star office call "five-one-two rings."

Eat OCALA-MADE bread. There's none better than Carter's Butter-nut. 20-tf

The Evening Star may always be found on sale at Gerig's News Store. 17-tf

AGREED AND ADJOURNED

President's Request Kept the Suffrage Plank in the National Democratic Platform

(Associated Press)

Coliseum, St. Louis, June 16, 3:45 p. m.—The democratic convention adopted the party platform by acclamation and adjourned sine die.

SUFFRAGE PLANK STUCK

St. Louis, June 17.—After an unsuccessful fight to throw out the suffrage plank in the democratic platform, as approved by President Wilson, the convention at 3:09 p. m. adopted the whole platform, including planks on suffrage and Americanism, by acclamation.

The fight on the suffrage plank, the first row in the convention, was led by Governor Ferguson, of Texas, and seemed to have a chance of success until Senator Walsh, of Montana, told the delegates that President Wilson considered the suffrage plank, as written, necessary to the success of the party. Roll call of the states showed only 181 1-2 votes for the Ferguson substitute against 888 1-2 for the original plank.

The adopted plank is as follows: "We favor the extension of the franchise to the women of this country, state by state, on the same terms as the men." The fight on the plank came in from minority reports substituting a plank which would have left the matter entirely to the states without any expression of opinion favoring suffrage.

Governor Ferguson, in leading the fight on the anti-suffragists, declared that suffrage is purely a matter of states rights and that the question and wording of the majority plank was "presumptuous recommending to states on how to conduct their electoral."

Suffrage leaders considered the original plank much more favorable than the declaration given them at the republican convention and threw their entire strength into the fight in behalf of the administration leaders. Senator Walsh's plea that President Wilson had urged the plank and to reject it would cause a discordant note in the proceedings prevailed and the minority report was defeated.

Speaking of gates and flagmen, the Star was eyewitness this morning of an incident that shows a flagman is only advisory while a gate is mandatory. The 11:15 train was backing into the A. C. L. station when a party in an auto took a notion to beat it across the Oklawaha avenue crossing. The flagman waved but the autoist disregarded the warning and dashed over the crossing only a few yards ahead of the train, taking an unnecessary risk. The flagman was disregarded, but there is no dis-regarding a gate.

SAFETY FIRST—Bring your prescription to us. Then you KNOW it will be filled exactly as your doctor ordered, compounded by a thoroughly experienced druggist. The Anti-Monopoly Drug Store. 15-10t

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5 THIS COUPON IS GOOD FOR FIVE VOTES IN LIBRARY CONTEST—5
VOTED FOR

Cut out, fill in name of church, lodge, school or other organization you wish to vote for, and deposit in ballot box at THE COURT PHARMACY.

The official judges of the contest are Messrs. George Pasteur, Herbert Latner and Ed. C. Bennett